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2/22/45

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I love you,
Nina

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about the 28th & will
start to reimburse you.

Love & Kisses,
Nina

P.S. & Bring me some P.M.'s
if you can, 'cause I'm about
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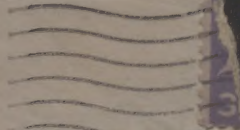
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2/27/45

Hello Darling.

Meant to write yesterday,
but was kept busier than busy
all day.

Sure hated to see you leave
Sunday night. I miss you already.

I guess you know, little boy,
that I love you more since
you went to Miss. Silly isn't it?
But truly, I do. They say that
~~absence~~ makes the heart grow
fonder. But it wasn't your absence
that made me love you more.

Remind me to tell you the reason
sometimes.

I'm hoping you'll be in
tomorrow night.

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Xmas.

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to see if I have a letter from
you. If I do - I'll go home
first - if not I'll go on over
from work.

I love you very much,
Nina.

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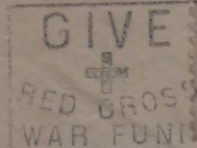
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3-12-45

Hello Stinky:

I'd just like to remind you that you can deduct \$5.00 from my account, on account of I didn't receive that letter today. I just called home to be sure. Of course there is a chance that it will come in the afternoon mail----if so you can add \$5.00 to my account. Okay?

I called Mother yesterday afternoon. Got to talk to little Alfred too. Mother said Hello or something like that.

The boss has been gone all day. I've been sitting here thinking all day.

Mrs. Taylor's cold is still no better.

The dog chewed up one of Lady's good bedroom slippers yesterday afternoon.

I'll get paid the 15th and will make another payment on what I owe. Don't worry, I'll get it paid just as soon as I can. I wish I had it to give back to you all in one lump sum, but there's nothing I can do about it.

Washed my hair after you left yesterday and I have a new hair-do. I created it myself.

Well, guess I'd better be on my way.

Miss you, love you,

Nina
Nina

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How are my four children?

See is of course part of my family and Margory is getting a carbon copy of this. It will have to be addressed to Brock for he is the one who has written last. What do you do with your time Bob that I do not get so many letters as I used to?

I am sorry. Looking at this letter that apologies are in order. Kathryn is using the good type writer to rattle out her senior theme. And I am also in bed as it is really warmer there. We are having winter weather - just like ends in Mississippi - one of the sales in the same south!

This evening I have my annual report to write and from the appearance of this it is a good thing that I have a secretary to rewrite it.

That brings up the fact that we are doing a land office business this year. and will continue as we are now asked to furnish about 10,000 articles for the children in Guam beside sending for the 33,000 in the part of the Mariannas and Micronesia. For once I am not in that I let off more than the Juniors can crew. Next week a friend who is working with me and Myelissa will go to the island to look for all the possible fossils at least 40 of them. Which means you boys were to be over there to look around with me.

There are matters that spent time and space in the past ready for a L.A. pass - can't be changed in the past. I am going to write you in a while and then you are all alright. I'm very proud of you and how much I love you. I hope you boys that you were just right. Loved you just as much when you were.

Some day I am going to turn out but not until you boys get home and I can really wait all of you at the same time. I will take a night with all the good food you talked about. But by that time you will be over and I will have to be sparetime any day so I'll look forward to it. But still I say to help when it's time!

Yes K will be in L.A. this fall for a visit with the folks before she goes up to D.C. or Washington. And she will just have to see her two big brothers, she's no small girl any more you will hardly know her.

She and I both had dates to the same formal out at Pearl Harbor last night. And it was the big island girls and the night. I go over. Fun - there is no more, down in Santa Ana and normal in Wisconsin. The I suppose you know that.

No for the annual report so that I can get my beauty sleep after the school is over. Mary is worse than the Air Corps.

My love to all three of you, and how about my good night kiss?

Mom

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M/lt. J.B. Thornhill
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Muroc, California

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I have just been thinking
 of the little old life again
 and how it has been the
 morning. And you know
 how it has been the morning
 the afternoon - a small little
 world in my life to
 be the only special thing
 the morning - the night - the
 world - the world
 I have been in the world

I have been thinking of you
 very much lately and wondering
 how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and
 happy. I have been very busy
 lately but I will write to you
 soon. I am well and hope
 you are the same. I will
 write to you again soon.

Sunday night
April 1, 1945

Hi Darlin,

I'm awfully glad you called today. Missed you terribly this weekend.

Lady U I went shopping Saturday as we both had the day off. You may shoot me for spending money instead of paying you what I owe you, but since I hadn't bought anything for myself since last summer – except shoes – I bought myself a dress (it's not very cute, but all I could afford), shoes, purse, and gloves. After I bought them I realized I shouldn't have, but guess I was just feeling a little sorry for myself & I couldn't resist. I have enough left though to give you your change from the tickets the other night.

Church was beautiful this morning. Wish you could've been with us. We came home this afternoon & washed clothes. I washed my hair too.

By the way, please excuse the stationary and the pencil, but it's all I have here.

I warned you the other night that you'd catch my cold. I guess you'll listen next time.

We moved to our new offices Wed. If you should get in to L.A. while I'm at work you can call me at Drexel 5235 or call the old no. either & the operator will transfer the call.

I'm glad you're feeling better now. Hope you'll be in real soon.

The dog killed a rat & a mouse today. She thinks she's pretty smart now.

Hurry & get well little boy, & how about a letter OK?

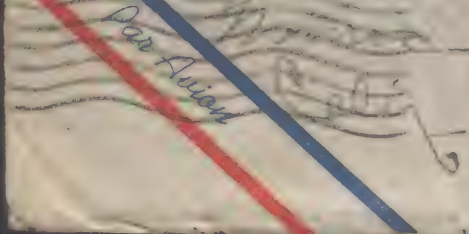
All my love, Nina

PS Here're a few Kisses XXXXXX

Wm. H. Wells
Box 75-5
Magnolia, Miss



1/2 Sgt. James Robert Threshell
Sq H 421st Base Unit



Magnolia Miss
Sun. Night.

Dearest Children,

Believe it or not. the Packard
is fixed. I drove it home yesterday
It runs just fine. Mr Frasier. said
if you had it, he felt sure you wouldn't
want to sell it. I thought I'd drive it a
few days and put my Ford in the shop
for a tightening up job but I'm afraid
some thing might happen to it. I told
Robert, to sell it soon as possible.
We'll enclose copy of bill. We will
get all we can for it and want take
less than you paid for it plus this
bill. Some man asked Mr Frasier if I
would trade it for a 1940 Ford. Betty
Jean drove it to a Sr. party yesterday. I think
she felt right big driving a Packard.

But, honey, I certainly hope you are feeling
much better. I'm glad you went to see
your doctor and am anxious to hear
what he thinks is your trouble. From
what Bob. wrote first I thought the liver shot
was what you needed and they would
soon fix you up.

Believe I wrote you about the fire in
Tulsa. It really put Sumner out of
business for a while. The top floor
was gutted and the kitchen and Cafe
burned bad. I went out Sat. to see
if I could get the cooks for the Cafe
will be closed for some time. They
promised to help them make things right
and straighten up but talked like they
might leave. I'm going back to see them
one day this week. & Ma Rebell is
going to take my kitchen for at least
a week. I'm so relieved. Went on out
and bought some chickens from Lola.
Birmingham (Sandifer). She ask about
you all. She said that Humphrey
Bruland is some where in Germany
and that he often ask for a report on
you.

Lena, Joe, Mamma and Lena didn't
come for the duck and that Mr. Helton
(one of our cousins) his wife, daughter and
son in law came. Joe had to operate
and couldn't come so they plan to come
Tuesday. I haven't seen any picking
and I get lost so don't know if there
many left. The park was free of people
picking in week.

The leaving of Jack has been just off
all a sort of way. and its good thing
for we want to be a full day before the
line of the season for just passing it over
that the Reg. S. track must be to be held in
1892. Look for the 5th. and its to be on the
day of 1892. Look for graduation exercises. Of
course that will be at night but think
and find we will be and have many
things - in the morning - of 1892
that I can't help but find my baby
to be a different.

Black, Jim is making. Blanch Russell.
They came out here often. Dick, said
his mother and Dick don't like it to be
it out but think they are not sure of it.
I am sure they are. Think he can?

You know I'm just beginning to realize
that our President is really dead. I guess
we felt that he was needed too badly to
die. Bless his heart, I felt that some member
of my family had gone. When I heard
the President I said. No it can't be. My
boys are but their best friend. I believe
we have a good man now but since
he's left - compare with Russell and know
it. I try to think its best that he went at
this time for don't see how he could

carry on much longer. And may be
his program and dreams will be
carried out. I pray so.

See you later. I love you - Oh happy
Mother -

Magnolia, Miss
April 23, 1945

Dearest Children,

Believe it or not the Packard is fixed. I drove it home yesterday. It runs just fine. Mr. Frazier said if you had it he felt sure you wouldn't want to sell it. I thought I'd drive it a few days and put my Ford in the shop for a tightening up job but I'm afraid something might happen to it. I told Hobson to sell it soon as possible. Will enclose copy of bill. "We will get all we can for it and won't take less than you paid for it plus this bill. Some man asked Mr. Frazier if I would trade it for a 1940 Ford. Betty Jean drove it to a Sr. party yesterday. Think she felt right big driving a Packard.

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Lena, Tal, mamma and Lena didn't come for the weekend but Mr. Hilaman (one of our bosses) he wife, daughter and son in law came. Tal had to operate and couldn't come so they plan to come Tuesday. I haven't been berry picking since I got lost so don't know if there are many left. The park was full of people hiking all week.

The opening of park has been put off till 25th of May and it's good thing for we won't have a full lake before then. One of the reasons for postponing it was that the Big 8 track meet is to be held in McComb on the 5th. Now it's to be on the day of McComb graduations exercise. Of course that will be at night but think how tired we will be and how many things I will be needing to do. Of course that won't keep me from seeing my baby get her diploma.

Brock, Jep is rushing Blanc Russell. They come out her often. Vicki said his mother and dad doesn't like it one bit but don't think they've mentioned it to him. May be he's trying to make a good girl out of her. Think he can?

You know I'm just beginning to realize that our President is really dead. Guess we felt that he was needed too badly to die. Bless his heart. I felt that some member of my family had gone. When I heard the bulletin I said "no, it can't be". My boys have lost their best friend. I believe we have a good man now but of course he can't compare

with Roosevelt and knows it. I try to think it's best that he went at this time for don't see how he could carry on much longer. And maybe his program and dreams will be carried out. I pray so.

See you later. I love you – oh heaps

Mother

Friday

Dear Mather and all:

Guess what we are out of stationary, but guess this will do. Received your letter this A.M. and glad to hear that everything is going so well. Sure glad Ava and Jason are doing so well. Too bad about Ana but sure hope she doesn't let it happen again. I am about to get well again. I have lost all of my smiling and kinda look like myself again. I feel fine but have to stay in bed for two more weeks. Sure be glad to get going again. I don't know whether I will have my job or not when I get ready to go back to work. I want have but a month left to work but could sure use the pay.

Sure glad Sheldon gave Brock that suit. By the way is Lena going to pay him the \$20. a week and is he getting his unemployment pay? Sure hope so far from he needs it. I wish I could say when would be the best time for us to come for the wedding, but it depends on how soon they let me up and etc. I think in 2 weeks I will be able but the Doctor don't seem to agree. As soon as I find out something definite I will let him know. Does he have any special date in so let me know and I will try to make my plan meet his.

So you now have a house on the farm. Sure hope he is a good plan house for it would sure make it nice for the garden. Sure you will soon have some chickens & stuff before long.

Well we are in the this room apt and sure like it. we have got some painting and cleaning up to do but that is expected I guess. we get this apt with a garage for same price as other which makes it more pleasant. we bought us a Kallwood bed and sure like it.

Well no news so will see you later. Love my love to all.

Your kids
Bob & Bee

Friday, spring 1945*

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So you now have a horse on the farm. Sure hope he is a good plow horse for it would sure make it nice for the garden. Guess you will soon have some chickens & stuff before long.

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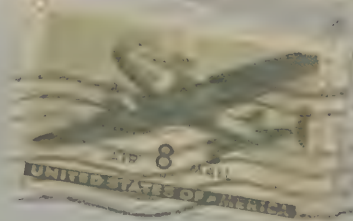
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Bob and Bee

*Bob and Bee were married in January of 1945. It sounds like they were in their second home, so this letter was probably written in the spring of 1945

pretty in small
magnolia tree.



W/ Sgt. Salvage Co. Howell
421 Base Unit Sq. 4
H. F. B.
Munro, Calif

AIR MAIL

Aug. 1, 1945

Dearest Kate,

Well, after so long a time
I'm finally writing you. I
won't say I've been too
busy, cause I've had rather
of time on my hands, but
I just haven't been in the
mood. In fact I've started
a letter to you twice and tore
it up.

I've had lots of fun lately,
except for the few days last
week I had pneumonia. In case
you're wondering how I got it,
I let four little 15 yr. old

boys talk me into going with
 them to stay in the house. Well,
 anytime a car would pass, they
 would shove me into a ditch. I
 landed in briars, trees - and
 having my!

Sat. night I dated Robert
 Micky from Jackson. He brought
 two boys from Jackson and
 Betty dated one of them. We
 had a small time. One of the
 boys had never done the square
 dance and I talked him into trying
 it once. I laughed at him till
 I hurt!

Mon. nite I had a date with Jack Enoch to go to the Perks for supper, but they close on Mon. so we had to go on down to Kentwood. Again Betty dated with me and again we had a Marvellous time.

I dated Jack again last nite and we went to the show. Afterward we drove down to his house and had a coke and played some records and danced. He is certainly a nice date - ~~can be~~, has about three cars and a station wagon to choose from and money to burn - about

all, he's a gentleman. Guess what
he just drove up so guess I
better quit writing about him.

I'll close now and write
again later, not as late as
it was this time, I promise.
Write me.

Love ya lots,
Jen

P.S. This is going to be good.
Here comes Jack to ask me
to go swimming and I can't. I
hope he isn't as hard to convince
as you Brock.

August 1, 1945

Dearest Ones,

Well, after so long a time I'm finally writing you. I won't say I've been too busy cause I've had oodles of time on my hands, but I just haven't been in the mood. In fact, I've started a letter to you twice and tor it up.

I've had lots of fun lately. Except for the few days last week I had Poison Ivy. In case you're wondering how I got it, I let your little 15 year old boys talk me into going with them to steal watermelons. Well, every time a car would pass, they would shove me into a ditch. I landed in briars, trees-and Poison Ivy!

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Love you lots,

Jean

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AWFULLY HARD NO HELP HOW DID PACKARD SO LOVE YOU LOTS
MOTHER.

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